

Park Avenue Synagogue

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Standing Together On The East Side



LONG BEFORE THE DAYS OF SOCIAL MEDIA, God had to “get the word out” in a way that would disseminate a single message to the entire diverse Israelite nation. According to tradition, when Israel received the Torah at Mount Sinai, while the message was one and the same, every Israelite heard it as if it were addressed directly to him or her. Like the manna – which tradition says tasted different to everyone according to each person’s preference – the Torah was experienced differently, according to the capacity of each learner. From Sinai onward, the desire to balance the plurality of the Jewish people with the singularity of God’s message has been key to any vision of Jewish education. In the same way, the Jewish community as a whole has been tasked with the project of constructing a sense of *ahdut*, “unity,” despite our varied approaches to Jewish life and living.

Manhattan’s East Side is a wonderful example of this balancing act, with Orthodox, Reform and Conservative synagogues – each a vibrant center of Jewish life, each providing a vision of Jewish life with its own inflection. Proud as I am of our sacred work here at Park Avenue, I take great joy in seeing the strength of our neighbors, knowing that each of our successes redounds on the collective. On a personal level, my local rabbinic colleagues have proven to be trusted confidants, partners and friends in the sacred task of community building. I have been blessed to be mentored by those who preceded my arrival, and I have tried to help other new colleagues acclimate

as we have settled in over the past few years. Though we and our communities are all different, together we are united in our task of creating vibrant Jewish life on the East Side.

It is therefore with great excitement that I share the news of a Torah Learning Coalition – a consortium of East Side synagogues who have joined together to invite each others’ members across their thresholds to share in Torah learning opportunities. The purpose is to promote community regardless of denominational background. All are welcome!

Our first effort will be to study *Pirkei Avot* (Ethics of our Ancestors) in keeping with the tradition to study the six chapters during the weeks between Passover and Shavuot. Each week, one community rabbi will teach a chapter at one of the participating UES synagogues, inviting everyone in the community to step into another synagogue to learn our shared tradition. I have no doubt that the quality of my colleagues’ teaching and the lively discussions that will emerge from learning side-by-side with new faces will make each of these sessions intellectually and spiritually uplifting. Modest as this first effort is, I hope it is a first step towards many years of creative and fruitful collaboration among our congregations. Most of all, I know that as we approach Shavuot, we will have given expression to our ongoing goal of standing together at Sinai as one community.

See page 10 for the schedule of these Torah Learning Coalition sessions.

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Cover and page 4: Janusz Korczak and his children, sculpture by Nathan Rapoport on the Madison Avenue façade of Park Avenue Synagogue

Can you count to 49?



“And from the day on which you bring the sheaf [*omer*] of elevation offering [in effect, the second night of Pesah] ... you shall count off seven weeks. They must be complete” (*Lev. 23:15*).

THIS COUNTING, *s'firat ha-omer*, is done every evening. It is literally a count of each day from

Pesah to Shavuot. Traditionally, the period of counting the Omer is considered a time of reduced joy responding to the tragic death of 24,000 of Rabbi Akiva's students at this season. (B.T. Yevamot 62b) The historicity of the Talmudic account has been debated by scholars and frankly I, along with many liberal Jews, find these weeks of pseudo-mourning neither inspiring nor necessary. On the other hand, while I do not generally consider myself a mystic, I find the kabbalistic understanding of the *sefirah* both meaningful and instructive to a modern Jewish community.

The Kabbalists assigned one of God's seven attributes to each week of the Omer: lovingkindness, discipline, compassion, endurance, humility, foundation, and sovereignty. Within each week, they then assigned an attribute to each day. Thus each

of the 49 days of the Omer focuses on one or a combination of the attributes. For example: on the first day of the first week, concentrate on lovingkindness itself; on the second day, the discipline needed to embody kindness; on the third day, the compassion need for kindness; and so on. Once the second week begins, the pattern is repeated, but with discipline as the primary characteristic and a different attribute relating to discipline each day. See the chart below for more details.

In this system, each day of the Omer invites us to explore an aspect of our inner selves – our behavior in light of this characteristic – for the purpose of refining and improving ourselves. Jewish mysticism understands our liberation from Egypt to be not only an historical event, but a metaphor for the present. God physically delivered the Israelites from Egypt, but we must continue to liberate our spirit each and every year. When we focus and meditate on God's attributes, we release our souls from spiritual bondage. After counting our 49 steps towards spiritual freedom, we are ready to accept the Torah on Shavuot. The Torah represents this freedom and the achievements we have made to emulate God's divine attributes. Literally, we are counting the days to receiving the Torah, but we are also renewing our relationship with ourselves, God, and each other.

Week	Days	<i>S'firot</i>	Meaning
One	1-7	<i>Hesed</i> Lovingkindness	Through love we give meaning to life. Acts that emanate from the divine image within.
Two	8-14	<i>Gevurah</i> Discipline	Our ability to set boundaries upon our behavior. The creation of structure within the framework of freedom.
Three	15-21	<i>Tiferet</i> Compassion	Using compassion to discover the truth and beauty in all of God's creations.
Four	22-28	<i>Netzah</i> Endurance	Striving to fill our days with meaning and purpose, achieving our potential.
Five	29-35	<i>Hod</i> Humility	Recognizing our flaws and developing a sense of patience and gratitude.
Six	36-42	<i>Yesod</i> Foundation	Planting the seeds for the next generation; personal, familial, and Jewish continuity.
Seven	43-49	<i>Malkhut</i> Sovereign	Experiencing the immanent presence of God each and every day.



For instructions on how to count the omer each evening, including the b'rakhah, visit pasyn.org, click on Holidays and then on Omer Counting Calendar 5773. Visit the Rothschild Library to see examples of different kinds of omer counters, including ones that incorporate the idea of the *s'firot*.

Like the Wind in the Field

BY MENACHEM ROSENSAFT

“UNDER YOUR WHITE STARS,” the poet Abraham Sutzkever wrote in the Vilna Ghetto, “I stretch to You my white hand. My words are tears that want to rest in Your hand. ... And I want so much, loyal God, to entrust my wealth to You, because a fire burns within me, and in the fire, my days. But in cellars and holes cries the murderous silence. I run higher, over rooftops, and I search, where are You, where?”

On February 27, 1946, Sutzkever described the surreal horrors of the ghetto in his testimony before the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg. “In the first days of August 1941 a German seized me in the Dokumenskaia Street. ... The German said to me, ‘Come with me, you will act in the circus.’ As I went along I saw that another German was driving along an old Jew, the old rabbi of this street ... and a third German was holding a young boy. When we reached the old synagogue on this street I saw that wood was piled up there in the shape of a pyramid. A German drew out his revolver and told us to take off our clothes. When we were naked, he lit a match and set fire to this stack of wood. Then another German brought out of the synagogue three scrolls of the Torah, gave them to us, and told us to dance around this bonfire and sing Russian songs. Behind us stood the three Germans; with their bayonets they forced us toward the fire and laughed. When we were almost unconscious, they left.”

Listening to Sutzkever’s poem, hauntingly set to music by Abraham Brodno who did not survive, we become connected if only for a few moments with the Jews who heard the song there, in what Elie Wiesel has called “the Kingdom of Night.” We sense and internalize the desperation of his search. And when we listen to the lyrics of Leyb Rozental’s *Yisrolik*, first performed by the Vilna Ghetto theater in 1942, about a young street peddler who sells cigarettes and saccharine in order to stay alive, we are reminded that the Jews who suffered in the Shoah, those who were murdered and those who survived, were not and must never be allowed to become anonymous statistics. “Don’t think I was born into this squalid street. I once had parents but I lost them both, and now I am left like the wind in the field. My name is Yisrolik, but when no one’s looking, I silently wipe away a tear from my eye.”

On Sunday April 7, at 6:00 pm, it will once again be our sacred obligation to join together as a community to remember the victims of the Holocaust through music by and about them, and through the reminiscences of members of Park Avenue Synagogue about their Holocaust survivor parents. The survivors gave us the priceless legacy of memories. We must now be their witnesses.

EVENT



Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Sunday | April 7 ~ 27 Nisan | 6:00 pm

The Baal Shem Tov taught that the secret of redemption lies in remembrance. On Yom HaShoah we will gather as a community to honor the memory of the victims of the Holocaust through their words and their melodies. Out of darkness, their voices echo in our consciousness: *Sh'ma koleinu*, hear our voices, do not forget us.

Daily minyanim Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am. Minha/ma'ariv Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm.

MONDAY, APRIL 1 21 NISAN

Pesah, 7th day

9:15 am | Festival Morning service

11:15 am | YFE service (p. 13)

20 minutes after services | Minha

No service at 5:45 pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 2 22 NISAN

Pesah, 8th day

9:15 am | Festival Morning service, including Yizkor

20 minutes after services | Minha

No service at 5:45 pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 5 25 NISAN

6:15 pm | Friday Evening service

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 26 NISAN

Parashat Sh'mini

9:15 am | Sanctuary service

Bat Mitzvah of Jordana Blumberg, daughter of Alissa & Kenneth Blumberg

9:30 am | Havurah

20 minutes after services | Minha

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 2 IYYAR

5:00 pm | YFE service & dinner (p. 13)

6:15 pm | Friday Evening service

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 3 IYYAR

Parashat Tazria/M'tzora

9:15 am | Sanctuary service

Seminary Shabbat & Musical service in honor of Yom HaAtzma'ut

Bat Mitzvah of Gabrielle Lauren Furman, daughter of Gail & David Furman

20 minutes after services | Minha

MONDAY, APRIL 15 5 IYYAR

Yom HaZikaron observed

7:15 am | Morning service with *El maleh rahamim* in memory of Israel's fallen

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 6 IYYAR

Yom HaAtzma'ut observed

7:15 am | Morning service with Hallel and Torah reading

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 9 IYYAR

6:15 pm | Friday Evening service

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 10 IYYAR

Parashat Aharei Mot/K'doshim

9:15 am | Sanctuary service

Bar Mitzvah of Alexander Bennett Cohen, son of Ilona & Michael Cohen

Bat Mitzvah of Sari Reede Liebhaber, daughter of Lisa Beth & Andrew Liebhaber

20 minutes after services | Minha

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 16 IYYAR

6:15 pm | Musical Kabbalat Shabbat with Congregational Singers and Guest Artist Cantor Bruce Ruben (p. 11)

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 17 IYYAR

Parashat Emor

9:15 am | Sanctuary service

Bat Mitzvah of Callie Jordan Smith, daughter of Linda Yarden & Chris Smith

9:30 am | Havurah

11:15 am | YFE services (p. 13)

20 minutes after services | Minha

Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove and Rabbi Steven I. Rein will preach and conduct services together with Cantor Azi Schwartz and Cantor Shiree Kidron, with Colin Fowler at the organ and the Synagogue Choir: Ena Freeman, Yonah Gershator, Lawrence Rnsh and Raphael Biran.

Synagogue Family

בני מצוה BNEI MITZVAH

JORDANA BLUMBERG

April 6 | Parashat Sh'mini

Daughter of Alissa & Kenneth Blumberg



Jordana began her education in the Purple AM room at PASECC and has continued in the Congregational School ever since. A

7th grader at the Spence School, she enjoys playing volleyball and squash in addition to dancing with Spence's Middle School Dance Company. Jordana is looking forward to her sixth summer at Raquette Lake Girls Camp, where she enjoys playing tennis, water-skiing and gymnastics.

Jordana is a thoughtful, generous friend and a loving sister. She loves all animals and is deeply concerned about those who are endangered. For her mitzvah project, Jordana will organize a blanket and towel drive for the animals at the Leo Zoological Conservation Center in Greenwich, Connecticut. She also plans to contribute a portion of her Bat Mitzvah gifts to help fund a new enclosure for one of the orphaned white-handed gibbons living at the center.

Jordana and her family would like to thank all her teachers and the clergy at PAS for their guidance and support during her preparation to become a Bat Mitzvah.

CHLOE ADRIANNA SAFRA

Minha | April 6 | Parashat Tazria/M'zora

Daughter of Mara Safra & Jacques Safra



Chloe began her education in the Purple Room at PAS and continued her Jewish studies in the Congregational School.

She is currently a 7th grader at The Churchill School, where she enjoys participating in the Karaoke Club, Cooking Club and Performing Arts. Chloe's passion is ballet. She began her dance studies as a 2-year-old and has continued to grow as a dancer, currently studying at the Harkness Dance Center at the 92nd Street Y.

In honor of her becoming a Bat Mitzvah, Chloe has volunteered at the PAS Food Pantry as well as for DOROT. She was fortunate to be part of the PAS Bnei Mitzvah Family trip to Israel this past December. In addition to learning about the historical importance and challenges of Israel, she learned about the growing problem of poverty in Israel. The PAS group spent one morning packing boxes of food for families in Tel Aviv. Chloe also visited a Youth Village in the North of Israel to share her passion for dance with young Israeli students, which was an especially meaningful experience.

Chloe (and her family) wish to thank her tutor, Ariela Wallace, as well as the Park Avenue Clergy and staff for helping her to prepare for this momentous day!

GABRIELLE LAUREN FURMAN

April 13 | Parashat Tazria/M'zora

Daughter of Gail & David Furman



Gabrielle Lauren had her baby naming at Park Avenue Synagogue. She began her Jewish education in the ECC Purple

Room and has participated in the Congregational School since Gan. Gaby is a PAS "lifer."

Gaby is currently a 7th grader at The Dalton School. She enjoys her summers at Raquette Lake Girls Camp but could do without the bugs! She likes tennis – but only when the ball is hit directly to her. She's a great skier – but only when the hills are flat!

In all seriousness, Gaby is a bright, fun, spirited young woman who embraces the color pink. not because it is feminine, but because it represents brightness, warmth and enthusiasm.

Gaby is happy to have participated in the PAS Bnei Mitzvah Family trip to Israel in 2010. It gave her a greater appreciation of Israel and of the wonderful people and clergy she is surrounded by at Park Avenue Synagogue. Gaby and all the Furmans would like to thank the staff, teachers and clergy for their guidance and tutelage in helping Gaby to achieve this milestone.

NATHANIEL AISENBERG

Minha | April 13 | Aharei Mot/K'doshim
Son of James & Suzanne Aisenberg



Nathaniel began his PAS education in the ECC Purple Room and over the past ten years has continued to learn and thrive in the

PAS community. He is excited (and a bit nervous) to become a bar mitzvah as it brings joy to everyone around him but also responsibility as he enters his teenage years.

A 7th grade student at Aaron School, Nate enjoys math and social studies. His favorite out-of-school activities are basketball, swimming, chess and listening to music – especially The Beatles. He has spent the past two summers at Summit Camp in Honesdale, PA and is looking forward to returning this year.

Nate is fortunate to spend time with his three grandparents. His mitzvah project involves collaborating with his Grandpa Dick who has helped Nate bake challah that they will distribute through DOROT's Homeless Prevention Program.

The Aisenberg family is extremely grateful to the Park Avenue Synagogue clergy, tutors and the Matan Program teachers – all of whom have supported Nate throughout his years at PAS. *Mazel tov*, Nate!

ALEXANDER BENNETT COHEN

April 20 | Parashat Aharei Mot/K'doshim
Son of Ilona & Michael Cohen



Alexander is a 7th grader at Fieldston Middle School, where his favorite subject is history. He plays trumpet in the school

band and plays on the school football and swim teams. He has a great sense of humor and makes friends easily.

Alexander's true passion is basketball. He loves going to Knicks and Nets games with his family. He plays in the Safe Haven and Yorkville leagues, is the starting center on the 92nd Street Y basketball team, and plays pickup games at the 92nd Street Y and in Central Park. He also has an artistic side and loves to draw.

Alexander has enjoyed attending PAS Congregational School since Kindergarten. The highlight of his PAS experience was the December 2010 PAS family trip to Israel. He has been volunteering in the Food Pantry as part of his bar mitzvah preparation. Alexander will also donate to Kids of Courage, an organization that provides medically supervised trips for children with serious medical diagnoses.

Alexander loves spending time with his little brother Ethan and his dog Flippy. He enjoys spending time with his grandparents and cousins. He is very excited to celebrate his bar mitzvah at Park Avenue Synagogue with his friends and family.

Alexander wants to thank all the fine teachers he has had at Park Avenue Synagogue, his tutor Abe and the entire clergy.

SARI REEDE LIEBHABER

April 20 | Parashat Aharei Mot/Kedoshim
Daughter of Lisa Beth & Andrew Liebhaber



Sari has been a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue community since her baby naming. She began her education at the Early

Childhood Center, and continues her studies in the Congregational School.

A 7th grader at Columbia Preparatory School, Sari is a conscientious student.

She is a gifted mathematician in honors math and enjoys science and foreign languages.

A talented and beautiful dancer, Sari studies ballet in the Pre-Professional ballet program at Ballet Academy East. She has been dancing with BAE for ten years. December marked Sari's seventh season performing in Dances Patrelle's, "The Yorkville Nutcracker." Her devotion and discipline to the art of dance is inspirational.

Sari spends summers at Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet and Camp Vega in Maine. There she loves spending time with friends, water skiing, outdoor adventure, and as a member of the Vega Dance Company.

Sari is a loving daughter and a kind sister to her older brother Josh. *Parashat Aharei Mot/Kedoshim* speaks of "Love your neighbor as yourself." This quote is fitting for Sari since she often thinks of others and their feelings before her own.

Our family would like to thank the clergy, teachers and staff at PAS for their guidance and wisdom over the years, especially in helping Sari become a Bat Mitzvah.

בני מצ BNEI MITZVAH

CALLIE JORDAN SMITH

April 27 | Parashat Emor

Daughter of Linda Yarden & Chris Smith



Callie's trademark smile was a fixture in the Orange room at the PAS Early Childhood Center. Her effervescence and her unbounded enthusiasm are ever-

present, now in the Congregational School, and at The Town School, where her favorite subjects include history, science and the arts. A competitive swimmer, Callie has been on the winning JCC Thunderbirds swim team for 4 years, and has recruited her brother Eric as a teammate. She spends summers at Pine Forest Camp in Greeley, PA and excels in swimming, Zumba and volleyball.

Callie journeyed to Israel this past December with the PAS Bnei Mitzvah Family Trip. She was fascinated by the recently excavated City of David, the Shiloh pools and the Kotel. While in Jerusalem, Callie met Lone Soldiers of the IDF, to whom she is now committing her mitzvah project.

Callie and her family are grateful for her education at PAS and thank Ronit Aranoff, Rabbis Rein, Rudin, Zuckerman and Cosgrove, Cantors Kidron and Schwartz and the entire synagogue community for their support in reaching this milestone.

מזל טוב MAZAL TOV

Rachelle & Howard Balaban - on the birth of a granddaughter, Hadley Jane Balaban, and to the parents Stacey & Matthew Balaban

Ilyse & Jay Lefkowitz - on the birth of a son, Judah Raphael Lefkowitz at bris on 3/8, to the big brothers, Sam and Zev, and to Yola Friedman on the birth of a grandson

ברוכים הבאים WELCOME

Craig Falberg & Abby Hludzik

Lionel & Elaine Packer

Larry & Nancy Pantirer

Joel Pinsky & Veronique Gabai-Pinsky

Sara Tirschwell

Matthew Zaklad & Laura Newmark

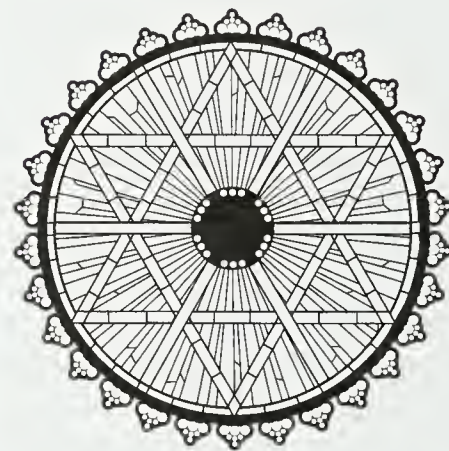
המקום ינחם CONDOLENCES

Beth Ring on the loss of her father, Dr. Howard Raymond (Ray) Ring

Jacqueline and Michael Simmon on the loss of her mother, Goldie Greif

Brian Eizenstat on the loss of his mother, Fran Eizenstat

Edward Munves on the loss of his wife, Norma Munves



*Rabbi Elliot & Debbie Cosgrove
thank the PAS community
for your warm wishes and for the beautiful
tribute at the 9th Annual Gala.*

Weekly Classes

MONDAY *(no classes on April 1)*

Siddur Hebrew 2 | 6:15 – 7:15 pm | Cantor Judi Rowland

Adult Bat Mitzvah | 6:30 – 8:30 pm | R. Neil Zuckerman & C. Judi Rowland

Modern Hebrew | 7:30 – 9:00 pm | Varda Hubara

TUESDAY *(no classes on April 2)*

Essential Essays | 8:00 am, after minyan | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

Contemporary Jewish Thought | 11:30 am | Rabbi Steven Rein

Siddur Hebrew 1 | 6:15 – 7:15 pm | Cantor Judi Rowland

Introduction to Judaism, Section 1 | 6:15 – 8:30 pm | Rabbi Steven Rein

Introduction to Judaism, Section 2 | 6:15 – 8:30 pm | Rabbinic intern David Minkus

WEDNESDAY

Perusin' the Parashah Medieval Style | 8:00 am, after minyan | Abe Lebovic

Melton Grad: Israeli Literature as a Window to Israeli Society | 6:30 pm | Rabbi Shmuel Afek

Melton 2 | 6:45 – 9:00 pm | R. Zalman Rothschild and R. Shmuel Afek

Context | 6:45 – 9:30 pm *(Only April 3)*

Context Seminar: Jewish Religious Transformation in the 20th Century | 7:00 – 9:30 pm | Rabbi David Hoffman *(Only April 3)*

THURSDAY

Melton 1 | 9:15 – 11:30 am | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove and Debbie Cosgrove

Melton Grad: Bereshit I | 10:30 am | Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

Library Lunch & Learn | 12:00 – 1:00 pm | Facilitators: April 4, Cantor Shiree Kidron; April 11, jointly with TLC at 12:30 pm (see p. 10); April 18, Jen Stern; April 25, Jamie Diamond

FRIDAY

Daf HaShavua: Weekly Talmud Study | 8:00 am, after minyan | Rabbi Steven Rein

SATURDAY/SHABBAT

Parashat HaShavua | 8:45 am

For additional information about classes and events listed here, including fees, if any, please look in the Winter-Spring Program Calendar or on www.pasyn.org. To register for Adult Education classes, unless otherwise noted in the description, go to <http://pasyn.org/lifelong-learning/adult-education>, click on "Classes" on the left side of the page and then on the appropriate registration link. Those without Internet access may call 212-369-2600, x121.

For additional information please look in the Winter-Spring Program Calendar or on pasyn.org

This Month at PAS



Monthly Interfaith Dialogue

Thursday | April 4 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm | R. Steven Rein and Fr. Ugo Nacciarone, Church of St. Ignatius Loyola | at PAS

Congregational Singers

Thursdays | April 4, 11, 18 | 7:00 – 8:15 pm | Cantor Azi Schwartz

Women in the Bible

Friday | April 5 | 9:15 – 10:00 am | Debbie Cosgrove

Mitzvah of the Month

Sponsored by Tikkun Olam

Grocery Packaging at Yorkville Common Pantry

Wednesday | April 10 | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm | Adult volunteers

RSVP to Lite Sabin at sabinmail@aol.com or 212-628-2863.

Sponsored by Women's Network

“What Does Tolerance Mean to You?” Visit to Museum of Tolerance

Thursday | April 11 | 1:30 pm
Cost: \$12/seniors; \$16/general.

RSVP to Toby Feinberg at tovagood@aol.com or to Helene Agress at 212-362-1233. Meet the Women's Network group at 1:15 in the museum lobby at 226 E. 42nd St.

Sponsored by Women's Network

Sholem Aleichem Yiddish Club

Tuesday | April 16 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Celebrating Yom HaAtzma'ut Through Text and Art

Tuesday | April 16 | 6:30 pm | Rabbi Neil Zuckerman and Ellen Alt

Midtown Lunch & Learn

Judaism's Great Debates

Wednesdays | April 17, 24; May 1, 8 | 12:30 – 1:30 pm | R. Neil Zuckerman

RSVP to mglasser@pasyn.org.

Evening Book Discussion Group

Monday | April 22 | 8:00 pm | Pat Davidson

The People of Forever Are Not Afraid
by Shani Boianjiu

Men's Club Regional Dinner

Sunday | April 21 | 4:30 pm

PAS honorees: **Herbert Nadler**, Man of the Year; **Alyssa First** and **Eric Helfgott**, Students of the Year. Cost: \$90.

To RSVP and for journal ads, visit www.moy.nymfjinc.org by April 10.

Sponsored by Women's Network

Lunch/Film/Discussion: Making a Killing: An International Art Thriller

Tuesday | April 23 | 1:00 pm

Caffeine for the Soul

Friday | April 26 | 9:15 – 10:00 am | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

MOTM, sponsored by UJA@PAS

Lag BaOmer Mitzvah Opportunity

A joint project of UJA-Fed/NY's Families Division, PAS, KJ & Sutton Place Synagogue
Sunday | April 28 ~ *Lag BaOmer* | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm | Ramaz Middle School Gym, 114 East 85th Street | For families with children, teens & adult volunteers
Celebrate Lag BaOmer, make friends in the East Side Jewish community and help make a festive day for children from the Hebrew Educational Society* and the Jewish Community Council of Canarsie*.

*UJA-Federation Beneficiary Agencies

For further information, contact Erica Cohen at cohener@ujafedny.org or 212-836-1114.

East Side Torah Learning Coalition

The Torah Learning Coalition (TLC) is a consortium of East Side synagogues that have joined together to invite each other's members to share in Torah learning. Beyond learning for its own sake, the purpose is to promote community regardless of denominational background. Each week the rabbi of one of the coalition synagogues will give a TLC class. Members of all the synagogues are invited to the class to study together.

The first series of classes will take place on Thursdays between Pesah and Shavuot, studying *Pirkei Avot*, *Ethics of Our Ancestors*. Sessions will alternate between daytime and evening. Join this groundbreaking project! Be part of the broader Jewish community, at the same time as you show your pride in being a member of PAS.

Thursday | April 4 | 7:30 pm | Chapter 1 | Rabbi Elie Weinstock | at Or Zarua

Thursday | April 11 | 12:30 pm | Chapter 2 | Rabbi Rachel Ain | at PAS

Thursday | April 18 | 7:30 pm | Chapter 3 | Rabbi Scott Bolton | at KJ

Thursday | April 25 | 12:30 pm | Chapter 4 | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove | at East 55th Street

Thursday | May 2 | 7:30 pm | Chapter 5 | Rabbi Ephraim Pelcovits | at Shaaray Tefila

Thursday | May 9 | 12:30 pm | Chapter 6 | Rabbi Jonathan Stein | at Sutton Place

Schedule subject to change. Please visit pasyn.org for the addresses of all the synagogues and to confirm details.

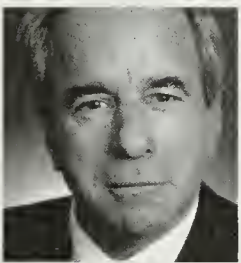
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Events



The Park Avenue Synagogue Lecture Series
The Shifting Landscape of American Jewry
**Donor Driven Philanthropy,
 Federated Giving and the
 Jewish Future**

John Ruskay and Jeffrey Solomon
 Tuesday | April 9 | 7:00 pm
 Cost: \$18 member; \$25 general



DR. JOHN RUSKAY, Executive VP and CEO of UJA-Federation of NY, has written extensively and speaks nationally on

how the American Jewish community can most effectively respond to the challenges and opportunities of an open society, the critical role of Jewish philanthropy and the central role of community.



DR. JEFFREY R. SOLOMON, President of the Andrea and Charles Bronfman Philanthropies, a group of foundations operating in North

America and Israel. Author of over 100 publications in both professional journals and the popular press, he served as an adjunct associate professor at NYU and sits on numerous nonprofit and foundation boards.



*In honor of Yom
 HaAtzma'ut*
**Seminary
 Shabbat &
 Musical Shabbat
 Morning Service**
 Saturday | April 13 |

at Sanctuary services |
 Speaker: Dr. Arnold Eisen, Chancellor of JTS

**Musical Kabbalat Shabbat
 with Congregational Singers
 and Guest Artist Cantor Bruce
 Ruben**

Friday | April 26 | 6:15 pm

CANTOR BRUCE L. RUBEN, PH.D., is the Director of the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. In addition to HUC, he has taught at The Julliard School and at Hunter College and served as the Cantor of Temple Shaaray Tefila in NYC.



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**WOMEN'S
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A Place to Connect

Shabbat Dinner Series
Co-sponsored by Women's Network
**An Intergenerational Mother-
 Daughter Conversation About
 Jewish Identity**

Letty Pogrebin and Abigail Pogrebin
 Friday | April 26 | 7:30 pm, following services

Cost: \$35 member; \$45 general



LETTY COTTIN POGREBIN, a founding editor of *Ms. Magazine*, is the author of nine books including the novel *Three Daughters*. A

long-time activist for women's rights, social justice, and Middle East peace, she is also a founder of the National Women's Political Caucus and a past president of The Authors Guild.



ABIGAIL POGREBIN, a former *60 Minutes* producer, is the author of several books, including *What I've Learned About Everyone's Struggle*

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Gallery



Circles Within Circles: Jewish Time Frames

April - June

Photographer **Lloyd Wolf** and poet **Sherri Waas Shunfenthal** have collaborated to create an innovative and beautifully thoughtful body of work exploring aspects of time as understood and expressed in Judaism. While Western philosophy contends that time is linear, we Jews live in circles – the circle of seasons, circle of memory, the circles of our history and traditions, and circles of family that connect us through the generations.

LLOYD WOLF is an award-winning photographer based in Arlington, VA. He has had over 100 national and international solo and group exhibitions, and has work included in the collections of numerous noted museums and archives.

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The Caring Network at PAS



Grandparents Group

Tuesday | April 23 | 12:30 – 1:30 pm |
Yael Kornfeld, LMSW

Caregivers Support Group

Thursday | April 18 | 6:00 – 7:00 pm |
Yael Kornfeld, LMSW

Social Work Support for PAS Members and Their Families

Wednesdays | 9:00 – 11:30 am | Shira
Felberbaum, MSW

For more information or to make an appointment, please call Shira at 212-632-4735 or email her at sfelberbaum@jbfcs.org. You can also contact Rabbi Rein at srein@pasyn.org or at 212-369-2600, x124.

Social Work Support for PAS Seniors, Families and their Caregivers

Thursdays | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm |
Yael Kornfeld, LMSW.

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Onsite social work support is made possible by a UJA Partners in Caring grant.

Edmond de Rothschild
Library
Winter
Hours

Monday – Thursday: 12:00 – 6:30 pm | Friday by appointment | Librarian: Marga Hirsch
Note: the library is closed during classes on Wednesdays, 6:45 – 9:00 pm, and Thursdays, 9:15 – 11:45 am. Outside of these times, the library is usually open. When Marga is not there, follow the instructions posted in the library for checking out and returning books.
On display in the Library: *Omer counters*

Congregational School Schedule

For additional information, please refer to the Winter/Spring Program Calendar or visit pasyn.org.

Monday – Saturday | March 25 – April 7 | Spring Break

Monday | April 8 | School resumes.

Thursday | April 11 | 5:45 – 6:45pm | Vav Bnei Mitzvah Family Program

Saturday | April 13 | 9:15 – 11:50 am | Shabbat Experience for Gimel & Dalet (Grades 3 & 4) learners

| 9:15 – 11:50 am | Shabbat Experience for Hey & Vav (Grades 5 & 6) learners

| 11:00 – 11:45 am | Shabbat Experience for Gan, Alef & Bet (K-2) families

Friday | April 19 | 6:00 pm | Gan, Alef, Bet, Gimel & Dalet (Grades K-4) Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner

Friday, April 19, Late Afternoon – Saturday, April 20, Early Evening | Hey & Vav Learners Shabbaton/Retreat

Saturday | April 27 | 9:15 – 11:50 am | Shabbat Experience for Gimel, Dalet, Hey & Vav (Grades 3-6) learners

Tavim Youth Choir | Mondays | March 4, 11, 18 | 5:00 – 5:40 pm | Cantor Shiree Kidron

Tavim will participate in the Yom HaShoah commemoration on Sunday, April 7 at 6:00 pm.



Young Family Education

For more information and to register go to pasyn.org. Click on Young Family Education and then on the event.

Shabbat & Holiday Programs

Young Family Pesah Service

Monday | April 1 | 11:15 am – 12:00 pm

Shabbat Service and Dinner for Families with Young Children – Birthday Blessings, Too!

Friday | April 12 | Service 5:00 pm, Dinner approx. 5:30 – 6:30 pm | \$

Shabbat Morning Services

Saturday | April 13, 27 | 11:15 am – 12:00 pm



Register now for YFE Fall Toddler and Afterschool Programs! For descriptions, fees, and how to register, visit pasyn.org and click on Young Family Education.

Youth Activities & RJNHS

To register, unless otherwise noted, go to pasyn.org. Click on Youth Activities/RJNHS. Under Upcoming Events, click on the event.

Weekly Volunteer Opportunity: PAS Food Pantry

Wednesdays | 3:30 – 5:00 pm | Food packaging

Fridays | 3:30 pm – beginning of Shabbat | Food distribution

Parent and Teen Shabbat Study Session with Rabbi Cosgrove

Saturday | April 13 | 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Kadima & Etgar (Grades 3-6) Picnic in Central Park

Sunday | April 21 | 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Conversational Hebrew Club

Tuesdays | April 23 – May 28 | 6:15 pm | Cantor Shiree Kidron

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CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND

Jennifer & Bryan Kaplan, *in honor of* Cantor Kidron on the bris of Asher Louis (Lavi) Kaplan

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April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Annual Musicale: Psalm Festival with Park Avenue Christian Church

SUNDAY | MAY 5 | 4:00 PM | AT PAS

Park Avenue Synagogue Lecture Series

The Future of the Jewish Past

TUESDAY | MAY 7 | 7:00 PM | DEBORAH LIPSTADT

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

TUESDAY | MAY 14 | 9:00 PM | TOGETHER WITH CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE | AT PAS

Adult Bat Mitzvah Ceremony

WEDNESDAY | MAY 15 | 9:15 AM, AT SANCTUARY SERVICES FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SHAVUOT

PAS Annual Meeting

THURSDAY | MAY 23 | 7:00 PM

Celebrate Israel Parade

SUNDAY | JUNE 2 | STEPPING-OFF TIME TBA